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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION IN SUPPORT OF RCE FILED

Sir:

This paper is responsive to an Advisory Action dated February 17, 2004, and based on a Final Office Action dated November 6, 2003, with a period set to respond after a two month extension of time by April 6, 2004. No additional claim fees are believed to be due.

A Petition for Two (2) Month Extension of Time is attached together with payment in the amount of \$420 for the extension fee.

Status as of the Mailing of the Office Action dated November 6, 2003

Claims 1 - 15 were pending before the Office Action.

Claims 1 - 15 are rejected.

No claims are allowed.

No claims are objected to.

Amendments to the Specification (None).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings (None).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

Appendix (None).